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HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW
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Role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries

Draft decision submitted by Norway and Germany

The High-level Committee,

Underlining the principle of equal rights between men and women as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the mandate of the United Nations system, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, to promote the full integration of women in development,

Reaffirming the validity of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,

Affirming its decision 6/6 of 29 September 1989 on the role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries; 1/

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2. Expresses its concern at the little progress and the lack of practical relevance achieved by the United Nations development system in its endeavours to integrate women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

3. Decides that the Special Unit for technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations Development Programme, or any other body within the United Nations Development Programme to be assigned the tasks currently undertaken by the Special Unit should:

(a) Allocate sufficient human and financial resources to pursue the full integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

(b) Take full account of women's needs when considering the approval of projects for technical cooperation among developing countries;

(c) Design, in addition to undertaking the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries as a mainstream activity, specific projects in order to support income-generating efforts for women and to facilitate women's tasks, while taking account of the opportunity to spread appropriate technologies within technical cooperation among developing countries for the betterment of the situation of women;

(d) Continue to monitor progress made in the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries with special emphasis on the monitoring of action-oriented efforts;

(e) Continue to develop and improve guidelines to ensure full access and participation of women in activities of technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Urges the heads of all organs of the United Nations development system fully to support and cooperate with the United Nations Development Programme in all aspects of the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. Urges developed countries to continue to support actively the integration of women in technical cooperation among developing countries;

6. Invites developing countries to continue to intensify efforts to fully integrate women in their activities of technical cooperation among developing countries, taking fully into account the vast potential of appropriate technologies for the improvement of the situation of women;

7. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eighth session.